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<p>Application of:</p> <p>PAN, <i>et al.</i></p> <p>Serial No.: 09/880,457</p> <p>Filed: June 12, 2001</p> <p>For: <i>NS4 Nucleic Acids and Polypeptides and Methods of Use for the Treatment of Body Weight Disorders</i></p>	<p>Group Art Unit: 1647</p> <p>Examiner: R. DeBerry</p> <hr/> <p>Express Mail Label No. EV 351 927 945 US</p> <p>June 16, 2003</p>
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action (Paper No. 12) mailed herein on December 16, 2002. Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time and the fee therefor, thereby making this a timely response.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-0630.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 17, lines 12-19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a' "Moderately stringent conditions" may be identified as described by Sambrook et al., Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, New York: Cold Spring Harbor Press, 1989, and include the use of washing solution and hybridization conditions (e.g., temperature, ionic strength and %SDS) less stringent than those described above. An example of moderately